



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Hope Well Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-084519 and Forest Practices Application No. 2920052. This is a variable retention harvest of 130 acres in 2 units, with 4,919 feet of optional road construction and 23,180 feet of pre-haul maintenance.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Leave Tree clumps have been located to protect the headwater areas of several type 5 streams.
- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 192 feet wide on type 3 streams and a minimum 100-foot RMZ along type 4 streams have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians.
- Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species.
- Individual remnant old growth trees that need to be cut for the rock pit expansion, will remain on site as Large Downed Woody Debris.
- Roads are located on or near ridge-tops to maximize the distance between the roads and streams.
- Roads will be constructed during dry weather conditions.
- Any falling or bucking near type 5 streams will be away from the streams to avoid sediment delivery.
- Lead end suspension will be required on all cable settings.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 17 North, Range 3 West, W.M., approximately 8 miles by road, northwest of Littlerock, off the D-Line and D-4000 road systems in Thurston County, Washington.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from September 10, 2009. Comments must be submitted by September 24, 2009.



Responsible official: Julie Sackett

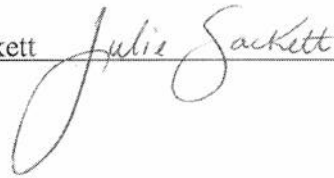
Position/title: Pacific Cascade Assistant Region Manager, State Lands

Address: PO Box 280 Castle Rock, Washington 98611-0280

Phone: (360) 577-2025

Date 9/3/09

Signature Julie Sackett

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julie Sackett", written over a horizontal line.

There is no agency SEPA appeal.